

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
MINUTES – July 11, 2012

- I. **Introductions** – Deb Evensen, Deedee Raymond, Alex Edwards, Angel Gonzales, Art Dulane, Sean O'Brien, Mike Jeffery, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Genevieve Casey, Teri Tibbett
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - 5/9/12.** Approved.
- IV. **FASD Awareness Day on September 9th** – Deb talked about the restaurant promotion in Homer. Teri gave overview of statewide events. Deb talked about Jody Allen Crow from Minnesota, at www.healthybrainsforchildren.org who has recently launched a public awareness promotion – handing out pregnancy tests in bars.
- V. **Announcements** – Arctic FASD RTC is developing its training and programs for the coming academic year. Alex talked about the Media Scan related to the Danish Study. Mike reported that the Alaska Bar Association was the first state bar to officially support the national ABA resolution relating to FASD, which really helped give it credibility. The ABA goes on record to support more funding, training and awareness of FASD and its effect on the justice system. A comprehensive report is attached. Mike will be in Chicago for the formal vote. The resolution generates a lot of spin-off, so it's a good thing.
- VI. **Workgroup Updates**
 - a. **Diagnosis/Parent Navigation.** No report.
 - b. **Family/Peer Support.** LIFE sessions are led by people with FASD, so the experience is "immersion" supporting practical tools. Next meeting August 1 (? Call Jeanne to postpone she's traveling)
 - c. **Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women.** No report.
 - d. **FASD & Education System.** Deb reported that the workgroup is working on a "hot sheet" for school administrators containing basic info they need to know to start moving in their districts on awareness, training, and interventions. Working on a December presentation before the state school board and superintendents. Need the people at the highest levels in all agencies are educated about FASD so they make educated decisions.
 - e. **FASD & Legal System.** Teri reported that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority provides funds for mental health training to judges, prosecutors, public defenders and other justice system personnel
 - f. **Services for Adults with FASD.** Sean reported that the workgroup are working on identifying common resources helpful for people working with people with FASD – including a resource guide. Invited people to contribute to that list of resources. Next meeting: Monday, July 16 at ??

- g. **Professional Development.** Teri reported about the Trust Training Cooperative’s move to add an “FASD Interest Area” on their website. Alex reported that the mechanism is to go online and set up an account which allows you to post your trainings. Genevieve reported that DHSS is working to update their list of trainers. Since Cheri Scott retired, the person who has taken over her role at Stone Soup Group is Tommy O’Malley, who is working with Genevieve to develop a way to have FASD 101 & 201 trainers statewide to go online and post on the TTC. They are also working on developing an evaluation system for trainers statewide. Jeanne reported Tommy is putting together a “Train the Trainers for FASD Into Action” in September in Anchorage.
- h. **Youth & FASD.** Angel reported the workgroup had its first meeting this week and did a round robin to see what participants think is important related to FASD; also brainstormed ideas for workgroup goals and action. Some of the youth have committed to taking FASD 101 and 201 training (Aug 6 at Stone Soup Group in Anchorage) so they are best equipped to advocate.

VII. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 8, 2012 - 3:00-4:30pm (please calendar!).